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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS DRUGS (CDN)
MEETING

REF: A) STATE 032246; B) BANGKOK A-265

1. THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT (RTG) DELEGATION TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF CND CONSISTS OF:

(A) CHIT POSAYANON, THAI PROGRAMME DIRECTOR OF THE UNPDAC. CHIT IS ALSO GENERAL COUNSEL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE THAI/UNPDAC OF THE RTG NARCOTICS BOARD (THE NARCOTICS BOARD IS THE ELEMENT IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING RTG NARCOTICS CONTROL POLICY). HE IS A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT WHO SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. MUCH OF CHIT'S FORMER WORK IN THE MINISTRY INVOLVED OPIUM CONTROL, AND BEFORE THE 1957 BAN ON OPIUM GROWING IN THAILAND, HE HEADED THE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROL OF THE LEGAL OPIUM TRADE.

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(B) POLICE COLONEL CHAWALIT YOTMANI, ASSISTANT TO THE

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE RTG NARCOTICS BOARD AND CHIEF OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER. ALTHOUGH A PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, CHAWALIT'S RESPONSIBILITIES COVER THE SPECTRUM OF RTG NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS. HE IS WELL INFORMED ON ENFORCEMENT MATTERS, CROP SUBSTITUTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN NORTHERN THAILAND, TREATMENT OF ADDICTS, AND DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION PROGRAMS. CHAWALIT IS A VALUABLE CONTACT FOR US OFFICIALS.

(C) SAKTHIP KRAIROEK, SECRETARY TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND A FORMER OZKERQTT CF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT (THIS DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAMS TO ASSIST THE HILLTRIBES). SAKTHIP WAS EDUCATED IN THE UNITED STATES, IS IN HIS EARLY THIRTIES AND COMES FROM AN INFLUENTIAL FAMILY IN BANGKOK.

2. THE MAIN GOAL OF THE RTG DELEGATION TO CDN ACCORDING TO COL. CHAWALIT, WILL BE TO ASSURE THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UN CONFERENCE OF OPERATIONAL HEADS OF NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (FAR EAST), HELD IN BANGKOK IN SEPTEMBER 1974 (REF B). CHAWALIT SAID HE ESPECIALLY WANTED TO ENCOURAGE EXPEDITIOUS APPOINTMENT OF A UN REGIONAL NARCOTICS LIAISON OFFICER. KINTNER

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